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REPORT,

&c. &c.

It is with the view of shewing the Promise, rather than the Produce of the Society's labours, that the following Report is laid before the Public.

Within the very narrow circle to which its means have hitherto limited its exertions, they have been uniformly successful: and however the feelings of its Supporters must at the present moment be subjected to restraint, while wishing to see the Society in a more commanding situation; yet, unless the following statement could be proved to be unfounded, the fairest hopes may be entertained that it may speedily extend its influence to the utmost limits of its Charter.

Having surmounted the difficulties with which it has for so many years contended, its Governors are led to think that it is but necessary

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that their power of giving assistance should be strengthened, for them to be carried into a most extensive sphere of action; and that, with adequate pecuniary support, they can effect every thing which under Providence could be expected of them.

Few sentences will be sufficient to notice all that has occurred since the publication of the "Account of the Society" in June; and no further arrangement of the matter can be necessary, than the simple division of it into DOMESTIC and COLONIAL.

Upon the subject of the SOCIETY'S AFFAIRS AT HOME the Governors have to state, that early in the month of July last they announced by an Advertisement in the public papers the very satisfactory progress which the Society had made in the prosecution of its truly important objects, and the grounds on which it was authorized to resume its application for the Subscriptions and Donations which it had heretofore suspended. They availed themselves of the opportunity of this Advertisement to express the satisfaction, with which they witnessed the liberal contributions already offered to the Society by persons of the highest rank both in Church and State; as well as by several of the most considerable of the West India Proprietors. The month had not elapsed

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before this Appeal was laid before the Standing Committee of the West India Planters and Merchants of the City of London, by C. R. Ellis, Esq. M.P. their Chairman; and the Society had the pleasure of receiving through that gentleman the testimony of the approbation and concurrence of that body, as given in the following unanimous Resolutions:—

"Resolved Unanimously,

"That this Committee are of opinion, that the extension of the means of Religious Instruction, is the best and surest foundation for the improvement of the civil as well as the moral condition of the Negroes in the West India Colonies.

"That 'The Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negroe Slaves in the British West India Islands,' are entitled to the gratitude of the Colonies, for their exertions in engaging Clergymen of the Established Church, to co-operate with the Clergy of the Colonies in promoting the object of their Institution.

"That this Committee, desirous of evincing the sense which they entertain of the value and importance of those exertions, and of that object, gladly avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded, of expressing their cordial approbation, and of offering a contribution to the funds of the Society.

"That the Treasurer of the West India Planters and Merchants, be authorized to pay over to the Treasurer of 'the Society for the Conversion and Religious

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Instruction and Education of the Negroes Slaves in the British West India Islands,' the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, from the General Fund of the West India Planters and Merchants of the City of London.

"That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the 'Account,' of the Constitution, Objects, and Progress of that Society, and the accompanying Advertisement, lately published by them, to the several Members of the West India Body in London, and to the West India Associations in the Outports, requesting their Subscription.

"That the Chairman be requested to communicate the preceding Resolutions to the Bishop of London."

In consequence of this communication to the Associations in the Outports, those of Liverpool and Glasgow have been Contributors to the Society of 100*l.* each: and the Members of the Committee of the West India Planters and Merchants who were present at the passing of the above Resolutions having given their names as Annual Subscribers, their example has been highly favourable to the Society's funds.

In the Advertisement which was put forth within a short period of this Meeting, the Subscriptions and Donations appeared as follows;

	£.	s.	d.
Subscriptions	220	0	0
Donations	1138	12	0

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And though the increase has been less rapid than the Governors had expected from so promising a beginning, yet the funds of the Society have been gradually improving, as its circumstances and operations have been more generally known.

To secure an immediate application of the contributions no time was lost in circulating the information, that the Society intended to increase the number of its Clergy; and that the Secretary had been authorized to communicate with those gentlemen who might feel a disposition to enter into its service. An invitation was also made to the West India Proprietors to aid the Society's designs, by the support of its Ministers upon their particular properties; or otherwise to co-operate with the Society's endeavours to form as complete a system for the gradual Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negroe Slaves, as circumstances may permit.

In answer to the former part of this Advertisement it is gratifying to state that such applications have been made by Clergymen and others of the highest respectability; accompanied by references which have stood the test of the most strict investigation, and by testimonials to those important qualifications, which are indispensable in the condition of the Chris-

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tian Minister as leave no doubt in the minds of the Governors, of their being able to obtain a supply of efficient Chaplains who may be safely entrusted with these important interests.

Under this head the Governors think it necessary to state, that while the Clergy of BARBADOES, availing themselves of a disposition favourable to their views, have collectively stood forward in behalf of the Religious Instruction of the Negroes *, there are several Individuals of

* The following Address was unanimously agreed to at a meeting of the Clergy of the Island of Barbadoes, on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1823 :—

" The Clergy of Barbadoes, sensible of the benefits which must result to any society from extending Religious Instruction to every member of it, feel themselves called upon at this moment to submit to the country at large, some plan for the instruction of the Slave Population in the saving truths of the Christian Religion, and in moral virtue, as their best, and only foundation of any improvement in their civil and social condition.

They look with confidence to the cordial co-operation of every enlightened Master; and the soil which they have to work upon is so improved by the fostering care and indulgent treatment of the owner to his slaves, that they are sanguine in the hope of reaping the fruits of their labours at no very distant day. Should it be objected to the Clergy of Barbadoes, that whilst a powerful party in Great Britain has long been clamouring for the religious instruction of the Slaves, they have hitherto exhibited no interest in the question; they owe it to themselves to declare, in the first place, that although they have not heretofore tendered their services

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that Body who are willing to devote their whole attention to this object, and have expressed

in a Body, they have not failed, individually, to testify their readiness to co-operate with the Master in the great work of instruction and reformation. Their Churches have at all times been equally open to the Coloured as to the White population; and they have never felt the smallest repugnance to admit slaves to the most solemn rites and ordinances of the Christian Religion, whenever they have felt satisfied of the corresponding correctness of their lives.

In the second place, where the right of the Master over the services of the Slave is absolute, it is next to impossible to attempt the work of conversion on the latter without the aid of the former. The silent operation of time has at length brought us to that period when almost every Master looks on his Slaves with such feelings of kind and intimate relationship as dispose him to meet any rational plan for their religious and moral instruction.

To such a system, conducted by the Clergy of the Established Church, they have reason to think, from the encouragement which Mr. Harte, Mr. Maynard, and Mr. Hinds have experienced, that little opposition will either be shown or felt. This, then, is the period when they conceive that their services are most likely to be useful; and they seize the earliest opportunity of meeting in a body, to offer themselves to the country as the responsible agents of imparting such religious and moral instruction to the Slave population, as may tend to the glory of God, the general welfare of the Colony, and to the cultivation of mutual good-will between Master and Slave.

Should the views they develope be acceptable to their countrymen, they invite a meeting of all Owners, and others

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their readiness to place themselves under the Society's commands. In consequence of the opportunity thus afforded them, the Governors have engaged four Chaplains for Jamaica, four for Barbadoes, one for Nevis, and two for Demerara.

It is but justice to the Clergymen who have been engaged, to say that they have gone out

interested in property, to form an association with the Clergy, and to consider of such measures as will enable them to commence their labours with the least possible delay.

In consultation with such gentlemen, the best and most practicable means may be adopted for instructing the Slaves without materially interfering with the necessary labours of estates; and when the Slave sees both his Pastor and Master cordially uniting in an endeavour to improve his mind and condition, it is not too much to hope that the happiest impressions may be made on his character."

Immediately on the publication of this zealous and judicious appeal, which was signed by all the Clergy, a General Meeting of persons concerned in the government of Slaves, was held at the General School, on the 15th September, and an association was formed for the dissemination of Christianity on a wider and more united plan, than any hitherto attempted. *The principal Planters and Attorneys entered into a ready co-operation with the Pastors of the Established Church;* and from their local knowledge, experience of the Negroe character, and well known worth, we may surely expect a secure foundation of the Christian religion to be established.

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upon salaries barely adequate to their support: in so doing they have testified that pecuniary considerations can by no means form a leading object of their attention.

The assistance which has been derived from the West India Planters in answer to the concluding part of the Society's Advertisement has hitherto been confined to the Island of Jamaica. Mr. Gilbert had indeed previously afforded accommodation to the Reverend Mr. Luckock in the Island of Antigua; but since the date of its publication only one Clergyman is gone out to the estate of Mr. Ellis; and a similar advantage has been offered by Mr. Pallmer.

With a view to a better knowledge of the proceedings of their Chaplains, the Governors had drawn up a new Form of Notitia, directed to every point of Ministerial duty. This was duly forwarded to their Clergy, and the fruits of it will be shewn when they come to speak of the transactions in the Colonies. Under the same impression they have appointed a Commissary for the Island of Jamaica to examine the above Notitiæ, and to forward them with his report to the Board in England.

At the request of the Committee the President in August last addressed a letter to the several Governors of the West India Colonies,

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inclosing for them the "Account of the Society," together with the Resolutions of the West India Committee, earnestly requesting their protection and countenance of our Chaplains in their islands, and the assistance of their recommendation and influence in promoting the Society's designs. A letter to the like purport was written by the Secretary to the several Agents of the West India Colonies.

In consequence of the increase of the business of the Society it has been found expedient to form a standing Committee for general purposes; which Committee regularly meets in Duke Street, Westminster, and reports its proceedings to the General Courts. The principal business in which it has hitherto been engaged has been to investigate the offers of services to the Society, to select stations where the calls for the Ministry are most urgent, and thus to render the present confined Income of the Society as extensively beneficial as a sound policy can admit.

With this notice the Governors have to close the Report of the SOCIETY'S AFFAIRS AT HOME.

In entering upon a statement of AFFAIRS in the COLONIES, attention is first called to the circumstances of the Society's Chaplains in

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ANTIGUA. The oldest of these, the Reverend James Curtin, has been for some years on that station, and has entered upon his books the names of from 7 to 8000 Negroes, whom he has instructed in the truths of the Christian Religion. "The number," he says, "fluctuates very much; some falling away, and then returning; though many remain firm and settled, and attend their Parish Churches." He finds it necessary only to take the names of those whom he has Baptized, and who are Communicants, and of those who are learning to read. Of such therefore, who must be regarded as more than nominal Converts, the above number is made up. Having been directed in the Form of Notitia above mentioned to forward to the Society an account of the names and population of the Estates upon which he has been permitted to exercise his Ministry, he replies, "They are so numerous and so variously situated, that it will take several weeks to visit and ascertain the number of slaves now living thereon, who are the fruits of my Ministry; so that I cannot promise to fill up the form before the lapse of a few months." In a subsequent letter, written in October, Mr. Curtin informs the Board, that he has had more Baptisms the last six or seven weeks, than in the same space

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of time for some years back. These will of course appear in his next return. On the first Sunday of the preceding month he had commenced openly to catechize some Slave children after Divine Service in the Parish Church. This had been always done in the Society's Chapel in the town, but still he did not wish to introduce it into the Parish Church until he had received intimation from some Proprietor or Attorney that it would be agreeable he should do so. Immediately upon receiving this he commenced the practice, and expresses the intention, God willing, to persevere in it. With reference to his statement in the preceding letter, that the names of the Estates where he had Converts are so numerous, that it would take up much time to visit them, and ascertain the number of Slaves thereon, he says, "I can now state, upon the lowest calculation, that there are more than 40*; besides which, I have a

* Since this Report was drawn up, a letter has been received from the Reverend Mr. Curtin, in which the result of his labours is so simply and satisfactorily stated, that the Governors cannot help, for the encouragement of their friends, laying before the public the following extracts:—

"I have the honour to transmit the enclosed schedule as a "specimen of the return I propose to send with the new Form "of Notitia. You will perceive that it was impracticable to "get the names of the estates, &c. into the said Notitia, and I

great number of Converts in the Town of St. John's." Upon an estate called Carlisle's be-

"trust that the Venerable Board will excuse the delay for the "reasons assigned in my last.

"I beg here to observe, that on some of the estates men-"tioned in the schedule, almost all the slaves are baptized "by ministers of the Established Church; for instance, from "No. 1, to No. 11, inclusive, and this for the last 20 years. "On other estates, the Moravians seem to have prevailed, "such as from No. 32, to No. 50. The Methodist Mission-"aries also baptize, although I believe the Negroes would "prefer the Established Church, if our Ministers could attend "to them.

"It may not be improper to remark, that the scene of my "exertions lay principally, since my first arrival, in the "parishes of St. John's, St. George's, and St. Peter's, from "No. 1, to No. 36, inclusive, and for the last four or "five years in the parish of St. Mary, up to No. 50, where "I have baptized several slaves in my Parish Churches, "and I had formerly done so in other Parish Churches in the "island, although the chief seat of my Ministry is in the town "of St. John's, as in No. 51.

"It being a maxim with me never to interfere with slaves "as to Ministerial duties without a written or a personal "application from the owners, it is to be supposed that my "progress cannot be otherwise than very gradual.

"It may also be worthy of notice, that of the number of "slaves which I had baptized in the town of St. John's, dur-"ing the first ten or twelve years of my Ministry, more than "one fourth, or perhaps a third part, are now free people; "some off the Island, some sea-faring people at sea.

"From all this I infer, that slavery would gradually die "away by a steady uniform perseverance in the performance

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longing to Lady Lavington he has baptized a large proportion of 324, all Creole slaves, among

"of all the sacred duties of Christianity, which, by its own "action, would imperceptibly produce more certain and last-"ing effects than all the speculative theories which can be de-"vised for emancipation. A venerable Bishop of the English "Church, with a conscientious and an efficient Clergy, and a "few pious Catechists, would do more toward the general "improvement of the religious and moral state of our Colo-"nies, than all the laws that could be enacted for the pur-"pose.

"I assure you it was attended with much toil to search "through my register; and yet I am not quite satisfied with "the accuracy, as some of the slaves, though baptized in our "Church, often turn away, from my inability to attend on "them; and I do not always hear of their death, or their re-"moval to other properties. The Society, I trust, are per-"suaded that I use my best endeavours, under God's bless-"ing, to go through the important duties of my vocation."

SCHEDULE.

Names of the Estates over which I have obtained permission to extend my Ministry.	Total number of Slaves *now living* thereon.	Number of those *baptized by me* before this Notitia commenced.
N°. 1 Carlisle's	340	120
2 Cassada Gardens	245	79
3 Date Hill	95	47
4 Millar's	207	46
5 High Point	150	41
6 Judge Blizard's	217	14
Carried forward	1254	347

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whom there are some couples living in the marriage state. Some, under similar circumstances,

	Brought forward	1254	 347
7	*Two* Estates of B. E. Jarvis, Esq.	314	 150
8	Martin Byam's.....	270	 18
9	Weir's	191	 4
10	Blackman's	178	 6
11	Donovan's.....	160	 11
12	Royall's	128	 10
13	Langford's	284	 43
14	*Two* Estates of Sir G. Thomas and Family	508	 64
15	Mount Pleasant	106	 33
16	*Three* Estates of Admiral Tollmash	393	 68
17	Marble Hill.....	219	 61
18	Fryar's Hill	176	 52
19	French's	143	 48
20	Dunbar.....	65	 6
21	M'Kinnim's.....	277	 18
22	Daniel's	136	 6
23	Otto's	198	 27
24	Turnbull's	46	 9
25	Cook's	310	 9
26	Union Estate	196	 7
27	Hawk's-bill	45	 6
28	Creekside	201	 13
29	*Two* Estates of J. A. Gordon, Esq.	460	 95
	Carried forward	6258	1111

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in Cassada Gardens, an Estate belonging to Abraham Bedwood, Esq.; some upon the Estate

	Brought forward....	6,258	1111
30	*Two* Estates of the heirs of Entwistle	393	 32
31	Gunthorpe's.....	277	 23
32	Walter's Folly	222	 8
33	Bendalls	187	 8
34	Belvidere	127	 10
35	George Byam's.....	134	 9
36	Adney's.....	94	 9
37	Green Castle.....	315	 7
38	Mill Hill	173	 14
39	Sir William Young's	166	 9
40	Picart's.....	113	 8
41	Frye's Valley	195	 20
42	Dark Valley.....	152	 9
43	Willock's	119	 6
44	Orange Valley	104	 5
45	Harvey's Old Road	394	 5
46	*Two* Estates of Sir William Ogilvie	371	 3
47	Monteros	129	 3
48	Rose Valley	57	 4
49	Seaforth	156	 6
50	Smith's.....	76	 9
51	In the town of St. John's, slaves belonging to different owners	2,200	 940
	Totals ...	12,412	2,258

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of James Gordon, Esq.; some upon the Estate of Sir George Hill; some upon Sir George Thomas's Estates; and some upon Jervis's Estate, belonging to Bertie Jervis, Esq.

In the School under the charge of Mr. Croot, the Society's Schoolmaster, there are in daily attendance about 30 Children, and on the Sundays about 50. Mr. Curtin had baptized within the last half-year 13 Adults, and 37 Children. The number of his Communicants is about 200.

The Reverend Benjamin Luckock, the Society's other Chaplain in the ISLAND of ANTIGUA, has been upon that station only a few months.

"Besides the above there are several other estates on "which there are slaves baptised by me, such as Gilbert's, "Crab's, Odar-Hill, Vernon's, &c. But as I had ceased to visit "them for many years (they being too remote,) and as they "are contiguous to the Reverend Mr. Luckock, I have made "no return of them, nor of other Negroes baptized by me in "St. Kitts, Nevis, and Montserrat, when there was no Chap-"lain of the Society in the said Islands, so that the total "amount of the number *baptized by me*, on this Island, ap-"pears as nearly as I can compute them, about 2280 Men, "Women, and Children, *now living*, up to the 1st of De-"cember, 1823.

"*St. John's, Antigua.* "JAMES CURTIN."
Dec. 1823."

"P. S. It appears then upon the whole, that my Minis-"try has extended more or less through half the Estates, "or Slave Population, of this Island."

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His residence is upon the Estate of the Reverend Mr. Gilbert, to whom the Society is much indebted for his accommodation. By the advice of Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Luckock has not regularly gone hitherto upon any other Estates; but is waiting to see what number of Negroes would solicit admission to the means of Instruction established for them at Gilbert's, and he has withheld his application for a formal admission to exercise his Ministry on any surrounding property. Though from the increasing numbers of the people who attend him, he feels it necessary not to delay his request for such a permission, he is still loth to make it, until he sees how far a plan in agitation with the Authorities in the Island may facilitate his wishes. Under these circumstances he cannot make a return of the total number of Negroes residing on Estates with which he is not immediately connected. There are Negroes on twelve who have placed themselves under his Ministry.

Considering therefore the Work to be but in its infancy, he trusts that it will be found, that if the Society cannot yet boast of any splendid success, the prospect of future prosperity is far from being unfavourable. In another letter written by him in the close of Autumn he expresses his gratification at being

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able to inform the Board, that his Mission still continues under the most favourable circumstances. The number of Slaves, whose names are upon his books, is 203. Of these 8 had received baptism, 3 of riper years, and 5 children, either at his, or Mr. Gilbert's hands.

In the letter in which Mr. Luckock encloses his Notitia he writes as follows: "You will perceive from the Notitia that comparatively but few have been admitted upon my books by Baptism, and in a short time I believe scarcely a single Adult will be found on the Island unbaptized." As far as his intercourse has extended he finds the present generation of Adults are almost entirely baptized—the older part many years ago as Adults—the younger as Infants. He has not yet admitted any to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but he has 80 Adults under a course of private Religious Instruction, whom he will admit as soon as he may deem them duly qualified.

The Governors cannot leave the Report of the Society's affairs at Gilbert's without stating, that in addition to the attentions which have been shewn personally to Mr. Luckock, he has been greatly assisted by the erection of a Chapel, which Mr. Gilbert has lately built for the accommodation of the Negroes.

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Upon the Island of St. Kitt's the Society has but one Chaplain, the Reverend J. B. Pemberton. This gentleman, having failed in his efforts to give Catechetical Instruction on Wednesdays and Fridays, intends renewing his endeavours on the Sundays in the interval between Morning and Evening Service. His duties have been much interrupted by the repairs of the Church in the parish of Basseterre; but still he has had permission to give Service, and to preach or lecture as he thought fit on the Sunday evenings: a duty which he has never omitted to perform.

At the request of some gentlemen in the country, he, with the consent of the Rectors, has visited the parishes of Cayon, and Palmetto-Point for the purpose of doing duty there on alternate Thursday evenings. The services have been well attended, and his congregations have amounted to from 200 to 240 Slaves, whom he states as being very anxious to attend him, having had no service of the kind before.

The Vestries of both parishes are favourable to his exertions, and disposed to furnish every thing necessary for the performance of a public Evening Service *. Mr. Pemberton wishes

* Other vestries on the Island " lament the distressing prevalence of ignorance and error among the lower classes of the free and slave population, resulting from the confined

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to receive the Society's directions as to the establishment of a School; in the want of which he is left to the only practical resource of Catechetical Instruction before spoken of. He acknowledges the receipt of the new Form of Notitia, which he expresses his inability to fill up at present. He reports however that he has baptized since January last 80 Slave Children, and 17 Adults; in addition to other duties of praying by the sick, and burying the dead. His funerals for the half-year were 73. The number of his Communicants very uncertain.

Mr. Pemberton states that the Governor had favoured him with the perusal of the Right Reverend the President's Letter, which it was his Excellency's intention to lay before the Legislature; where there was no doubt it would receive due and respectful attention. A meeting had also been appointed by the Agricultural Association, of which the Governor was Patron, inviting all interested in the Slave Population to attend, and devise some plan for their moral and religious improvement *.

dissemination of that inestimable blessing regular Religious Instruction suitable to their weak capacities; and at the same time, deploring their own total inability at the present moment of unexampled distress, earnestly supplicate the aid of the Society."

* In a subsequent letter Mr. Pemberton states that this meeting had taken place, and that the Established Clergy

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The Reverend D. G. Davis of Nevis opens his communication to the Society in July, by remarking that he has already observed the good effect which has arisen from the solemnization of marriage between the Slaves. He deems this a highly important and interesting point, being thoroughly convinced from observation that the moral feeling and thinking of the lower classes of people will and must be improved by the judicious introduction of that rite among them.

A chapel, which Mr. Cottle is building on his estate for the accommodation of his slaves, Mr. Davis is happy to say is nearly finished; and Mr. Peter Thomas Huggins has recently informed him that he will fit up on his estate a similar place of worship, if Mr. Davis would engage to give his Slaves regular attendance. This Mr. Davis has bound himself to do, and he expects he shall be able to effect much good there. At the early prayers, which he had undertaken to read every morning in the Church at day-light, he has a good Congregation, having in regular attendance about 40 Slaves. His Morning and Sunday schools are in a favourable state; and he has an ardent hope that the labourers in

had been associated with the Heads of the Colony with reference to its object.

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the vineyard of this hitherto unproductive soil will, at no great distance of time, experience greater facility in the prosecution of their exertions. Some new local regulations have lately been suggested with respect to the important subject of the Lord's day. It is in contemplation to allow some other time than the Sunday to the Slaves for their markets. Such a step he has ever considered as essential to the progress of Christianity in the Colonies; and he thinks that when wholesome laws are enacted on this head, and carried into effect, it will only need the active exertions of the Clergy to secure, under a Divine Blessing, a very considerable share of success, more especially if their numbers could be enlarged.

If more accommodation in the Church of Charles-town were procured, he is persuaded that a greater number of Free Coloured Persons and Slaves would attend; much more, if the resolutions above alluded to were adopted.

Mr. Davis subsequently visiting England, left his Ministerial duties to the charge of the Reverend Mr. Hendrickson, from whom the Society has received a Notitia for the last six months. His Ministry, independently of Charles-town, extends over the estates of Mr. Cottle, and Mr. Peter Thomas Huggins. He has baptized since January 52 persons, of whom 18 were

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of riper years; and he has in preparation 16 adults. In the Sunday school there are 66 children, and in the day-school 105, with 15 adults. His church is regularly attended by about 100 Slaves; 35 of whom are Communicants. He has married 4 couples, and buried 34 persons. In his general remarks annexed to the Notitia, Mr. Hendrickson states, that it is gratifying to mention that the number of children in the School increases rapidly, and that they shew every disposition to receive instruction. Mr. Peter Thomas Huggins had followed the good example of Mr. Cottle, having actually begun to erect the Chapel on his estate.

Mr. Davis attended the Society at the General Court held in December last, when he gave a full statement as to the condition of the Slaves in Nevis, and of the opportunities which he considered as now open for their Conversion and Religious Instruction. It being his opinion, that by the appointment of another Chaplain, the Society would effect all the good that could be accomplished under present circumstances the Governors have decided upon making such an appointment, and have directed a letter to be written to the Reverend William Hendrickson, to accept his offer of services in conjunction with the Reverend Mr. Davis.

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In a letter to the Secretary, J. Colquhoun, Esq., Colonial Agent for this Island, speaks of the good will of the resident Proprietors to the Moral and Religious improvement of the Negroes, and of their having established Societies and Schools for that purpose. He fears their present poverty will counteract their will, and that we must wait for the days of prosperity before we can hope for any liberal assistance to the funds of the Society; which, from the experience he has had, he is confident, will not *then* be withheld.

In consequence of the appointment of the Reverend S. Hinds to the Principalship of Codrington College, the Society was deprived of his valuable services as its Chaplain in BARBADOES. The Reverend R. F. King, who had been nominated by the Board as his successor in that Island, entered upon his duties in the beginning of last July. A Barbadian Clergyman who is now in England, was present on the occasion of Mr. King's first exercising his ministry in the Society's service, and has expressed himself highly gratified with the attention and impression which his sermon produced on a crowded congregation of Negroes. Accident has brought this fact to the knowledge of the Society; and as an early premise of the effects of Mr. King's

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labours, they are led to regard it with peculiar satisfaction *.

The President has lately informed the Society that he had received from the Reverend Mr. Harte, the Rector of St. Lucy's, Barbadoes, the second part of his Lectures on the Gospel of St.

* In a letter from this gentleman, the Rev. Mr. Packer, to the Secretary of the Society, he speaks of this circumstance in the following manner:

"On Tuesday, the 15th of July (the evening before I "sailed from Barbadoes) I understood Mr. King was to "read prayers, and lecture the Slaves on the estate of a "friend of mine, Mr. Waith, at the Pine, in the parish of "St. Michael, very near Bridge Town. I believe that the "slaves had a half-holyday. I called on Mr. Waith, and "attended the meeting during the time of the prayers. "These being ended, Mr. King read a chapter from the "New Testament, and after that delivered a lecture suit-"ed to their capacity. To the whole of the service there "was as much attention paid as could possibly be hoped for "or expected from *any* congregation; and I went away "highly gratified at their serious deportment, especially "that displayed by the leading and most respectable Slaves "on the estate, to whom the others naturally look up. I "have no doubt, that with the Divine Blessing, the labours "of the Ministers employed by the Society will be crowned "with success. From many instances that came under my "own observation, I can state that the Slaves generally ex-"pressed the greatest desire of being instructed and baptized, "which feeling was encouraged and duly appreciated by "those Proprietors with whom I am acquainted, and I be-"lieve generally by all."

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Matthew, which, together with those already printed by the Society, had been originally preached to a congregation of Negroes. The object proposed by Mr. Harte in this work was to make the Gospel History, and the principal truths of Christianity intelligible and interesting to hearers who had neither intellectual culture, nor previous acquaintance with Religion; and to impress on their minds the necessity of receiving the Faith of Christ, and living in Obedience to His Commandments. And in this object he has been eminently successful *.

* The character of this work is thus described in the Advertisement prefixed to the volume already printed:

"In this view it was necessary to write with a plainness "both of words and construction, which, to those who are "accustomed even to the plainest discourses in this country, "will perhaps appear excessive; yet without degrading the "majesty of religion by improper familiarity of language. "The effect on his humble congregation was so consonant to "the hopes of the preacher, that, with the encouragement of "persons at that time in high authority in the island, he was "induced to submit the discourses to competent judges in "England, and finally placed them at the disposal of the "Society for the Conversion of the Negroe slaves in the Bri-"tish West India Islands. By this Society they are now "printed, and recommended to their missionaries, as models "of that simple and earnest instruction, which, in the mouth "of the preacher or catechist, finds its way to the hearts of "the ignorant, and as being in all respects so free from ex-

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The manuscript has been submitted to the same judgment which was kindly bestowed on the former part: and, should the same be favourable, it will be speedily put forth for circulation in the Colonies. The Society has been informed that their patronage of this work has been of essential service to the cause which it was intended to promote. It is in considerable demand, and numerous applications have been made for it*. His Excellency, the Governor of Barbadoes having proposed to circulate it in the adjacent islands, several copies have been placed at his disposal; and "I sincerely hope," says a correspondent of the Society, "that under the Divine Blessing, it may tend "to promote the Conversion of the Negroes to "the Christian Faith, and a general improve-"ment in their principles and morals: objects "in themselves truly desirable, and never per-

"ception, that they may be placed without scruple in the "hands of the convert for his private reading. The subject "matter indeed is of such vital importance, and the manner "of treating it so clear and lively, that the volume, though "adapted by the plainness of its language to the humblest "capacity, may be read with edification and interest by "Christians the most advanced in knowledge."

* This work may be purchased at Messrs. Rivingtons, No. 62, St. Paul's Church-yard, and No. 3, Waterloo-place, Pall-Mall.

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"haps more expedient and necessary, than at "this critical time."

The Reverend Mr. Pinder, Chaplain for the Instruction of the Negroes upon the Estate held in trust by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the support of Codrington College, having drawn up a plan for affording the Negroes of Barbadoes as extensive a communication of Spiritual Instruction as could be administered by this Society under its present circumstances, and the same having received the approbation of the Governors, measures are now taking for acting upon it; and with this view the Board has engaged the services of those Barbadian Clergy, who, as has been before stated, were willing to assist it*. Two of

* The following extracts from private letters which have been very recently received by this gentleman, together with his remarks thereon, illustrative of the influence of Christianity on the minds of the Negroes, have been given through his kindness to the Society, and are inserted as likely to be interesting to the readers of this Report.

The Reverend Mr. Parkinson, acting Chaplain on the Codrington Plantation, writes thus in a letter, dated Oct. 13, 1823. "Every one who has visited the chapel seems very much "pleased; and Hinkson" (the manager) "assures me that "the general character of the Negroes has very much im-"proved: that stealing, lying, and many other vices which "were very common on the estates are now almost un-"known, or, at least, he has not detected any offenders for "some time."

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these are at present resident upon the Island, and a third, now in England, will join them very shortly.

Again, Oct. 27. "I have the utmost pleasure and satis-
" faction in informing you that things are going on very well
" on the estates—the Negroes behaving exceedingly well,
" as Hinkson assures me; and very regular at chapel. Ex-
" cept twice my chapel has been always filled: sometimes
" many of them have not been able to get seats; and their
" behaviour is on the whole extremely good. There is
" one thing however which I have repeatedly spoken to
" them about; namely, coming in late to chapel."

Had I feared, (observes Mr. Pinder,) that zeal for the cause in which he is engaged, had prompted Mr. Parkinson to overrate the effects of Christian Instruction, the following incidental opinion of Forster Clarke, Esq. the Agricultural Attorney of the Society, was quite sufficient to convince me, that the influence was more than transient. "We have had
" a harvest-home at the Society's Plantation a few days
" ago. I have the pleasure to say that your establishment
" continues to prosper, and that the conduct of the Negroes
" is quite exemplary. The schoolmistress assures me that
" the children are regular and quite attentive, and have im-
" proved greatly."

The clerk of the chapel (a free coloured man, formerly a slave on the estate) informs me thus: "Every thing is going on
" very well. We have full chapels of our own people. They
" are all behaving as well as you left them. There has been no
" cause of complaint against any of them, nor any punish-
" ment. They had their harvest-home Sept. 6. They all
" seemed happy. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hinkson are highly
" pleased with them."

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From the Parish Register of the Reverend Jos. Jefferson, Rector of Vere, in the Island of JAMAICA, who was in the service of the Society previously to his being preferred to that Rectory, it appears that half of the Slave population, amounting to 8000, had been baptized by his Predecessor; and that during his Ministry (two years and a half) he had administered Baptism to 600 more. Since such numbers have been baptized the practice of Obeah has greatly declined; and numbers are daily forsaking their foolish superstitions to learn something better.

Mr. Jefferson speaks of the recent establishment of the District Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge as likely to further the views of this Society, as he is persuaded that every assistance, where it is practicable and judicious, will be given by them in promoting any plan which may have for its object imparting and diffusing Religious and Moral Instruction among the Negroes. In the

I shall only add, (says Mr. Pinder) speaking from my own experience, that clergymen employed in the conversion of the Negroes (so long as they pursue their object with a zeal, discreet, peaceful and conciliating) will not only find a desire on the part of their hearers for Christian Knowledge, but meet with respect, encouragement, and co-operation from Owners, Attorneys, and Managers.

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last six months he has baptized 85. And should an alteration in the Sunday markets take place, which he hopes will be the case, a sensible and gradual amelioration in the condition of the Slaves would, he has no doubt, ensue; and the best possible results may be expected from it. Whenever this event shall happen, his Church will be immediately open in the afternoon exclusively for the Instruction of the Negroes.

From two other Ministers, now resident upon the Island, the Board has not yet received the new Form of Notitia, and therefore it is unable to give any account of their labour relative to the period through which this Report extends.

The Reverend Thomas Stewart, the Reverend H. Beams, and the Reverend W. J. Utten, have been engaged for the Jamaica station. It is hoped that the former may by this time have arrived there in safety. Of the other Gentlemen, one embarked a few weeks since, and the other it is hoped, will quickly follow.

It only remains for the Governors to speak of the Reverend Mr. Stainsby, the Society's Commissary in St. Thomas's in the East. This gentleman, together with the Reverend Mr. Trew, the Rector of the Parish, is most assiduous in the discharge of every public and private duty belonging to the Sacred Calling of a Christian Mi-

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nister. Mr. Trew has borne the most honourable testimony in his favour; and it is a fact which ought in justice to be recorded of him, that he has foregone very considerable pecuniary expectations from the conviction of being more serviceable by a continuance in his present cure, than he could reasonably expect to be elsewhere. There are in the Parish of St. Thomas's in the East about 700 Adults, and 200 Children, who are now gradually obtaining a sound Religious Education.

A Catechist, Mr. N. Sotham, has been engaged, and will shortly go out to be placed as Mr. Stainsby's Assistant in these labours; a measure which it is the opinion of Mr. Trew will enable them considerably to augment their charge. "Perhaps," adds this gentleman, impressed with the consciousness of the plenteous harvest, "perhaps in process of time we may be favoured with additional Ministers; by which means our several places of religious worship may be opened every Sabbath-day. Admitting this, and that the number of the Established Clergy were doubled in this Parish, still there would be abundant room for the gentleman whose prospects we are at present considering; therefore I trust that nothing may happen to prevent his entering on his labours at the earliest opportu-

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nity."—" To this," adds Mr. Stainsby, " I have nothing to subjoin. Suffice it to say, we are both of us almost borne down with labours every Lord's day; and it is to be hoped that double the labour will now be required, should a law be passed, which is probable, for giving one day in the week, throughout the year besides Sunday; and for abolishing that bane of Colonial improvement Sunday markets."

By his Form of Notitia for the last half year it appears that Mr. Stainsby has baptized 242; that he has in regular attendance on the places of Public Worship in his Parish, 1100 Slaves, of whom 400 are Communicants, and that he has married during this period 56 couples.

Such then is the honest statement of the Society's proceedings for the *last six months*, drawn up, as has been said, to shew the Promise, rather than the Produce of its labours. It is unquestionably upon the former of these grounds that the Society's pretensions must be regarded as entitled to support: and while its effects are measured in comparison with its means, rather than by the extent of the work assigned it, there is no question of its merits being appreciated with Justice, and of its being fostered by the Wise and Charitable with corresponding Liberality.

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POSTSCRIPT.

The Governors beg leave to suggest that the views of the Society will be most effectually promoted by the formation of Colonial Associations in union with the Incorporated Society in London, and for the promotion of its objects, by the collection and remittance of Subscriptions and Donations. In return for which, assistance may be expected, according to the Society's means, in an aditional supply of Ministers, and of suitable Books of Religious and Moral Instruction.

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REPORT,

&c. &c.

In the Report of their proceedings during the year 1824, the Governors had the pleasure to congratulate all those who had the cause of true Religion at heart, upon the recent establishment of an Episcopal Government in the West Indies; and to express the gratitude they felt for a measure which they regarded, not merely as generally advancing the great interests of Christianity, but as specially promoting the important object of this Society in the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negroes.

Already has the Society felt the beneficial effects of the provision which has been thus made for the more effectual ministration of religious offices in these Colonies; and if the valuable assistance thus early given may be regarded as an earnest of more powerful co-operation, there is

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the fairest prospect of ultimate success, and the strongest motive for unremitting perseverance in the great work in which the Governors are engaged.

The Bishops of *Jamaica*, and of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands*, have, in the course of their Visitations, inspected the majority of the Society's Missions, and favoured the Board with such accurate information respecting them, as it has heretofore been unable to obtain. It is with much satisfaction that the Governors can say, that their Lordships' reports have been highly favourable to the character of the Chaplains, many of whom in consequence of their abilities and zeal have been placed in permanent stations in the *West India* Church.

During the visit of the Lord Bishop of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands* to this country, he has attended the Meetings of the Society; and a Plan of future co-operation with his Lordship and the Lord Bishop of *Jamaica* has in consequence been proposed; which it is trusted will be ultimately beneficial to the *whole coloured population of the West India Colonies*. The particulars of this Plan have been submitted to the Lord Bishop of *Jamaica*; but until the Governors shall have heard from his Lordship in reply, they must confine their statement to the Diocese of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands*.

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With the assistance of the Clergy placed at his disposal by his Majesty's Ministers, in addition to those previously resident, the Bishop calculates on having at his command a sufficient number for his Diocese.

The funds of the Incorporated Society, which, under the necessity of the case, have been hitherto applied to the support of Chaplains, will thus be set at liberty for the more appropriate purpose of providing Catechists, in aid of, and in subordination to the established Parochial Clergy; and to be so stationed by the Bishop's appointment and licence, as to be able to assist in the instruction of the Negroes upon every Estate upon which their services may be required.

The total number of Catechists which will be necessary upon this system for the Diocese of *Barbados* alone, is estimated at 100; and assuming the expense of each to be 50*l.* per ann., the sum which the Governors are able to expend in this Diocese, will afford provision for thirty *.

To assist in making up this deficiency it is

* The sum which the Governors are able to expend in the Diocese of *Jamaica*, will support twenty Catechists upon the same estimate: its wants, though inferior, are probably not far short of those of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands*.

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proposed to form Branch Associations in the several Colonies; a measure which there is reason to hope will be generally adopted, as *St. Kitt's*, *Nevis*, and *Barbados* have already set such a spirited example.

It may be also expected when a knowledge of this measure shall be extensively circulated, and *its applicability to every property* shall be generally understood, that the Governors may look with confidence to larger contributions to the Parent Society, and indulge the pleasing hope of seeing the work complete.

The Subscriptions which have been received in the course of the last year amounted to the sum of 423*l.* 10*s.* * The Donations to 441*l.* 1*s.* † Among the latter will be observed, with particular satisfaction, the grant of 200*l.* by the *New England Corporation* ‡, and the sum of 100 guineas from Mrs. Sheppard.

Offers have also been made to the Governors of the Society of assistance for the support of Ministers upon the Estates of some private individuals which they were not at the time prepared to accept, not knowing how far such local arrangements might interfere with the *general*

* In addition to this there is a large sum uncollected.

† See Appendix, No. 1.

‡ The expenditure of this sum is shewn in the Appendix, No. 2.

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system of education, which was contemplated by the *West India* Bishops. They trust that their cause will not suffer in consequence of a disinclination to engage in measures which must, as has been proved, have been speedily abandoned; and that the highly respectable individuals, with whom it is their intention to revive the subject, will not withhold contributions which may be now applied with greater effect and increased advantage.

As it is also known to the Governors, that without any connexion with their body or with any other, there are several benevolent persons who are at the present time supporting Ministers upon their Plantations for the instruction of their Negroes, they would suggest (they trust without any improper interference) the increased benefit that would arise from uniformity and co-operation, and the expediency of uniting, as circumstances may permit, in the system which they have adopted under the sanction of the Bishops.

An expenditure incurred in conjunction with the Society, and administered through its agency by the regular Ecclesiastical Authorities, would, it is imagined, be less burdensome and more efficient than it could possibly be otherwise made. The proprietor of the most extensive Estate, while he is doing good to his own property, will be extend-

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ing a benefit to his less opulent neighbour, for which he will be amply recompensed in the general improvement of the Negroes in his vicinity.

Even if the deficiency of their funds had not made it a matter of necessity to avoid generally an increase in the number of their Chaplains, the expectation of a communication from the *West India* Bishops would have induced the Governors to abstain from such a measure. They, nevertheless, engaged a Chaplain and a Catechist for *Jamaica;* the former for the Parish of *St. Thomas in the East,* the latter to be placed at the disposal of the Bishop: both of whom, having been subsequently adopted by his Lordship, are no longer a charge upon the Society's funds.

DIOCESE OF JAMAICA.

The Governors have received very satisfactory accounts from their Chaplains in this Diocese.

By the Notitia of the Rev. *John Stainsby,* of *St. Thomas in the East,* for the half year ending the 30th of *June,* it appears that the number of Communicants in attendance at *Bath* and *Manchineal,* at *Easter* and the *Sunday* after *Ascension-day,* was 240. He had baptized 6 Adults, and

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196 Infants, and had married 37 couples. The system of instruction which he had established upon an extensive plan by means of subordinate teachers of Colour is still kept up. The return of the Rev. *J. M. Trew* to his Living, and the appointment of the Rev. *G. Griffiths*, at first sent out by the Society, and subsequently appointed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the *Manchineal* District, had given him much satisfaction. By the latter he had been relieved from the heaviest part of his travelling, and enabled to concentrate his labours in the *Bath* District.

The Bishop had visited *Bath*, where he had been attended by a crowded congregation; and had promised his assistance for increasing the number and capacity of the places of Worship there. From the Reports which Mr. *Stainsby* has received for the Society, he considers the cause of Religion to be advancing throughout the Island.

The Rev. *T. Stewart* reports that the Magisgrates and Vestry of the Parish of *St. Elizabeth* have most readily established three places for the instruction of the Negroes, at each of which he officiates in turn. The efficiency of his ministry is much weakened in consequence of the time which elapses between the periods of his visits; as the Instruction given on the first *Sunday*, although willingly received, is but faintly

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retained on the fourth. The state, however, of his Congregation is improving, and he has baptized, in the half year ending at *Midsummer* last, 129 Adults, and 117 Infants. The number of the former might be considerably increased, could he be prevailed upon to administer the rite without preparation, and a knowledge of the Christian Covenant. The anxiety for Baptism is still unabated, and he has 249 Adults under a course of instruction for it. The number of Slaves attending the public service he states to be 1,300.

The Society has to regret the loss of the Rev. *W. J. Utten, B.A.* of *Trinity College, Cambridge*, who went out in its service in the early part of the preceding year, and from whose labours the Governors entertained the highest expectations. He was soon after his arrival preferred to the Curacy of *Clarendon*, and in *June* last to the Rectory of *Vere*. In every situation his attention was most alive to the interests of the Negroes; and in his last letter to the Society, written a short time previously to his death, he mentions with much satisfaction his first attendance at the Estates of *Salt Savannah* and *Porrins*, upon which there were collectively 527 Negroes. He also addressed the Society in behalf of the Parish of *Manchester*, earnestly soliciting the attention of the Gover-

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mors to the want of Ministers for the three new Chapels now erecting therein; most anxious that the application which had been previously made by the Hon. *W. Burge*, his Majesty's *Attorney-General*, should be favourably received.

It was with feelings of deep concern that the Governors, viewing with the greatest approbation the exertions which have been made by the *Attorney-General* and the Inhabitants at large to provide these places of Worship for the Parish of *Manchester*, expressed their inability to appropriate any part of their Funds to this purpose. They trust, however, that an adequate provision will be made by the State to second the zeal that has been here manifested.

The Rev. *Hugh Beams* continues to receive the greatest assistance from the Proprietors surrounding the Estate of *C. R. Ellis, Esq.* on which he still resides. Independently of those who attend Public Service, he has about 120 Negroes who are instructed in the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Ten Commandments. Besides those of *Mr. Ellis*, he attends the Negroes on twelve other Estates in the neighbourhood, upon one of which, *Seven Rivers*, he has informed the Society that the Negroes are thinking seriously of building a Chapel for themselves, which he has no doubt, as soon as *Mr. Williams*, the Proprietor, returns from the House of Assembly, they will immediately begin.

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In addition to the above information from their Chaplains, the Society has been informed that there are seventeen places of Public Worship now building in this Diocese at the expence of the inhabitants.

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS AND THE LEEWARD ISLANDS.

The Rev. *R. F. King*, in the Parish of *St. Michael, Barbados*, visits eighteen Estates upon which there is a Population of 2918 Negroes who are in regular attendance on Public Worship. Two of these Estates are so far distant from his residence as to make it impracticable for him to visit them as often as he could wish. A regular system of Religious Instruction is however pursued on them. On all the Estates the Negroes continue to receive him with evident pleasure, and express much regret whenever he is prevented attending at the customary period. In the coure of the twelvemonth he has baptized eighty-nine Adults, and sixty-three Infants. Mr. *King* states that the Bishop has appointed an Evening Lecture on Wednesdays and Fridays, principally for the Negroes, which is well attended. His Lordship has also established four Schools in the town for black and coloured children.

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The *Archdeacon of Barbados* has attended Mr. *King* in his visit to some of the Plantations under his charge, and speaks very favorably of his mode of instructing the Negroes.

A Letter from the Rev. *J. H. Pinder, M.A.* states that a Branch Association for the Island of *Barbados* was formed in *August* last, of which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese had accepted the office of President. The number of Annual Subscribers among those who attended the first Meeting was forty-four; and in *November*, Mr. *Pinder*, as Secretary, forwarded 50*l.* to the Treasurer in behalf of the funds of the Society in London.

The Rev. *J. Curtin* of the Island of *Antigua* has continued to visit the Estates mentioned in his Schedule for the Report of 1823. In the half year ending Midsummer last he had baptized 19 Adults, and 121 Infants.

Mr. *Curtin* having been called into residence on his living, the Governors have requested the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to inspect the Society's Chapel at which he officiated, and likewise the School which has hitherto been conducted by Mr. *Croot*, under Mr. *Curtin's* superintendance, and to favour them with his Lordship's opinion as to the best mode of regulating them in future.

The Rev. *N. Gilbert* of *Gilbert's* in the same

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Island has in his Sunday School 122, and in his Evening School 155 Negroes, with whose attention and proficiency he expresses himself much satisfied. There are about forty of these who can read, but as many who attend the Evening School attend also on the Sunday, he estimates the total number under instruction at about 200.

Mr. *Gilbert* has for the present released the Society from the expenses of supporting a Master for his Schools, and he trusts he shall not have occasion to call on it in future.

The Rev. *D. G. Davis* late of *Nevis*, has transmitted the Report of the Branch Association established in that Island, which appears in the Appendix *. It will be read with much interest, and contains all the information relative to the Society's affairs in that Island.

The Rev. *J. B. Pemberton* of the Island of *St. Kitt's*, is upon the eve of being presented to the Living of *Trinity, Palmetto Point*, and Mr. *Hendrickson*, formerly the Society's Chaplain at *Nevis*, to the Parish of *St. Thomas, Middle Island*. In the Sunday School of the latter gentleman there are 153 females and 138 males, mostly children. For these Schools the Parish has provided him with two teachers, and he is greatly assisted by a family resident in his neighbourhood. The attendance is regular,

* See Appendix, No. 3.

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and he observes an anxious wish to gain useful knowledge. He has also a School on Wednesdays in which there are 55 girls and 51 boys.

The Rev. *D. G. Davis* has been instituted to the Living of *Basseterre, St. Kitt's,* and appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of the Diocese. By his Lordship's recommendation he has been appointed Secretary to the Society for the Diocese of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands,* and it is intended that the Reports of the Branch Associations, and the Notitia of the Catechists shall be in future transmitted through him to the Board in London.

At a Meeting of the Committee and Inhabitants of this Island, held on the 24th day of August last, at which his Excellency Governor Maxwell presided, the Society which was formed in 1823 was re-modelled under the title of "The Branch Association of the Island of St. Christopher's, in aid of the Corporation for the Conversion, &c. of the Negroes in the British West India Islands:" the particulars of which, as received from *William Thomson, Esq.* will be found in the Appendix *.

A District Committee has also been formed of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Though the Rev. *B. Luckock,* from his Insti-

* See Appendix, No. 4.

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tution to the living of *St. Anthony, Montserrat,* is no longer officially connected with the Society, the Governors are gratified in being able to state that his labours among the Negroes have met the approbation of his Diocesan, who has given him the assistance of a Catechist, and has promised him the still farther aid of a Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress. A great number of children in the town, both Negro and Coloured, would cheerfully embrace the privilege of a week-day School.

The Rev. *James Lugar,* who was sent out by the Society to *Demerara,* has been preferred by his Excellency the Governor to the Church of the *Holy Trinity* at *Essequebo.*

The Rev. *S. Isaacson, B.A.* resides at *George Town, Demerara,* where the English Church is open every Sunday, for the express purpose of instructing the Slaves and people of Colour. Mr. *Isaacson* states the Colony to be well inclined to exert themselves in the promotion of Religion. He has been solicited on all sides to attend the Estates in the neighbourhood, but his engagements in the town have not permitted him to do so, except on two occasions; on the first of which he was attended by upwards of 700, and on the latter (notwithstanding a heavy tropical rain) by 500 Negroes. Much he hopes will be done when the Colony shall be divided into Parishes.

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The Rev. *B. T. Nurse, B.A.* is still resident at *Le Resouvenir,* where he is attended by the Negroes of thirty other Estates. In the course of the twelve months he has baptized above 500 adults, and 861 infants. He has three services on the Sunday, and large congregations at each of them. The number of his communicants is about 100. The accounts given by Mr. *Nurse* are encouraging.

The Governors have much pleasure in stating, that the Colony of *Demerara* is now added to the Diocese of *Barbados and the Leeward Islands.*

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APPENDIX, No. I.

SOCIETY FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NEGRO SLAVES.

Statement of the Receipts and Expences for the Year 1825.

RECEIPTS.	£.	s.	d.
Gross Rental of the Estate at Brafferton, Yorkshire	822	9	8
* Interest on 46,000*l.* Stock	1380	0	0
Subscriptions	423	10	0
Donations, including 200*l.* received from New England Company	441	1	0
DEFICIENCY	1466	17	1
	£4533	17	9

EXPENCES.	£.	s.	d.
Eighteen Chaplains and Catechists	3705	0	0
Treasurer, Secretary, Agent, Collector, and Rooms	230	0	0
Books, Printing, Advertizing, and Sundries	508	17	9
Rent Charge to the New England Company	90	0	0
	£4533	17	9

* The Society in consequence of the pressing Demands upon its Funds have been compelled to dispose of 1200*l.* Stock, which reduced the Amount as above stated to 46,000*l.*

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APPENDIX, No. II.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF A DONATION RECEIVED FROM NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, IN 1825.

	£.	s.	d.
Received of New England Company	200	0	0
	£200	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
Paid Rev. Mr. Nurse for Catechist.....	50	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Ditto	35	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. King, Ditto	10	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. Davis, Ditto	10	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. Griffiths	50	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. Utten	25	0	0
Ditto Rev. Mr. Pemberton for extra-lighting Church	20	0	0
	£200	0	0

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APPENDIX, No. III.

REPORT, &c. OF THE BRANCH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ISLAND OF NEVIS, FROM JULY 1824, TO JULY 1825.

In reporting the proceedings of the first year to the General Meeting, your Committee can with great justice congratulate the Association on success, which, though not so great as could be desired, is far greater than could have been expected, ere its labours were commenced. Your Committee confidently trusts that by the brief statement which is now to be laid before the Meeting this declaration will be fully supported.

Your Committee could wish, in the first place, to call the attention of the Association to the funds. The contributions, which have been made by the inhabitants of the Island, have from that general depression of *West Indian Interests*, in which this Colony fully participates, been necessarily very small, and have indeed consequently failed entirely to meet the expenses of the year. The *New England* Corporation, however, with a liberality, which reflects on it the highest credit, transmitted to this Island, through the hands of one of your Committee, the Honourable *Finlay Nicholson*, a hundred pounds sterling, for the purpose of furthering religion among the Slaves. This gentleman considered that this liberal donation, as the mode of its application was in no way prescribed, could not be more judiciously applied for the general objects for which it was bestowed,

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than by placing it at the disposal of your Committee. Your Committee however has deemed it advisable to retain for the present in its hands this sum; so that, if the liberality of the public here should enable it in future to support the expenses of the current years, it might be laid by as a source of permanent income to the Association.

The next subject to which your Committee would wish to call the attention of the Meeting, is the application of the funds which have been placed at its disposal. It will be recollected that on the formation of the Association, it was generally understood, that, at least for the present, on account of the smallness of the contributions, which, from circumstances already stated, were expected to be received, the funds should be locally applied, principally in providing Sunday School Teachers for the respective Parishes in the Island. Your Committee in conformity with this view, and confidently relying on the future liberality of the public, has ventured to appoint a School Master to attend a Sunday School in each of the country Parishes, four in number, at Twenty Pounds currency per annum; and also a School Master, and Mistress for *St. Paul's Charles-Town*, at Twenty-five Pounds currency each per annum. Your Committee has thought it needful to make this difference in the yearly allowance between the Town and Country Teachers, as many of the Pupils in the Town School are, in addition to the time allotted for teaching on the Sunday, assembled daily from six to eight in the morning, while the teaching in the other Parishes is confined excusively to Sunday. In addition to the salaries to the Teachers, some expense has been incurred for cardboards for preserving the cards while in use, and for

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printing. The Parent Society has hitherto generously supplied all the needful books. The Committee refers the Meeting for an accurate statement of receipts and expenditure to the account of the Treasurer, given as an Appendix to this Report.

Your Committee is of opinion, that considering that but one year has elapsed since the formation of the Society, and indeed not so long a time since the establishment of the Country Schools, the attendance has been much better than could have been expected. The numbers on the list in *St. John's, Figtree*, are 7 free persons, and 183 slaves. In *St. George, Gingerland*, 4 free persons, 80 slaves. In *St. James, Windward*, 3 free persons, 185 slaves. In *St. Thomas, Lowland*, 224 slaves' children, 10 adults; and in *Charles Town*, daily scholars 105, both free and slaves. Sunday scholars, 80 slaves. Your Committee has reason to be satisfied with the exertions of the respective Teachers. In the Sunday Schools, besides teaching the Children to read, they are regularly instructed in the Church Catechism, beginning always with its most essential parts, the Lord's Prayer, the Belief, and the Ten Commandments. Your Committee trusts that some progress has been made by the scholars in the respective Schools; and it hopes, in succeeding years, to be enabled more circumstantially to dwell on this point. Your Committee, however, has to lament that, though the numbers on the list in all the Parishes are great, that the attendance of some of the Scholars is not so regular as would be desirable. This circumstance retards the progress of improvement. But in truth it can assert that enough has been done to animate it in the work in which it is engaged, and to hold out a fair prospect of more ample success in future years.

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Your Committee cannot refrain from adverting to a circumstance which is calculated to hold out better hopes for the time to come. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has given to the principal town of the island a Schoolmaster and Mistress, to teach the lower orders of children on the National plan. These persons are expected to arrive in the island from *Barbados* by the next mail-boat. This cannot fail to be a blessing to the island, and to raise up also teachers for all our Schools more fitted for their work.

Before your Committee closes its brief Report, it begs to call the attention of the Society to the loss of two of its Members: Rev. *W. Hendrickson*, the Secretary, and Mr. *Jos. Mazier*. Mr. *Hendrickson* has been removed to another scene of usefulness in a neighbouring island; and though his labours have been lost to this Association, they are not lost to the general interests of the Parent Association; and it therefore cannot in justice lament this event. But the other highly respectable Member of the Committee was at a very early period of our labours removed from us by death. This event the Committee, in a proper spirit, may be permitted to regret, as it had hoped much from his co-operation.

Your Committee calls on the Association to exert themselves to cause an increase of Funds both by their own liberality and by appeals to others. It does this, assured that the mode in which the Branch Association has been directing its labours in instructing the rising generation, is best calculated, under Providence, to ensure the great end which the Parent Society has in view of communicating religious instruction to the Slaves of these countries, and thus to make them peaceful here, and happy hereafter.

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TREASURER OF NEVIS' ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS.

	CURRENCY. £.	s.	d.
President's Donation	10	10	0
Mr. Gilguass, ditto	0	18	0
L. Gorvon's Subscription	4	0	0
Reverend Mr. Davis, ditto	1	0	0
Mrs. J. Davis	1	0	0
The Misses Davis	1	0	0
Doctor Cassin	1	0	0
Mrs. J. Huggins	1	0	0
Collection at Court House	5	2	6
Mr. L. Nicholson	2	0	0
Mr. Cottle	2	0	0
Mrs. Stanley	1	0	0
Mr. Bligh	2	0	0
Captain Church's Donation	0	18	0
Captain Power, ditto	1	0	0
Mrs. Hendrickson, ditto	0	9	0
Reverend Mr. Hendrickson, Subscription	1	0	0
Mrs. Hendrickson, ditto	1	0	0
Reverend Mr. Pemberton	1	0	0
Miss H. Smith	1	0	0
Mrs. Cottle	2	0	0
George Buck	2	0	0
Samuel Baker	1	0	0
M. W. M. Herbert	1	0	0
Walter Buck	1	0	0
Henry Baker	1	0	0
George Webbe	1	0	0
Miss Brazier, Donation	2	5	0
Miss B. Brazier, ditto	0	9	0
North Wales Negroes	0	11	1½
Honourable M. Morton	2	0	0
Collected by Mr. Morton from free Persons and Slaves, on Mount Pelier	2	0	0
Peter Huggins	1	0	0
Mr. A. Jones, Donation	0	18	0
Martha Fox, Subscription	1	0	0
New England Corporation £100 sterling in the hands of W. Manning, Esq. to the order of the Treasurer	200	0	0
George Abbot	1	0	0
D. Wane	1	0	0
Mrs. F. Huggins	1	0	0
Mrs. Wickes	1	0	0
Mrs. Martin	1	0	0
Mr. Cottle, Donation	10	10	0
Mr. Howe	1	0	0
Mrs. Claxton	1	0	0
Mr. Peterson	2	0	0
Reverend Mr. Lyons	1	0	0
Mr. Daniell, Donation	2	0	0
Mr. F. Nicholson	1	0	0
Mr. J. Burke	1	0	0
	£282	10	7½

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UP TO JULY, 1825.

EXPENDITURE.

		£.	s.	d.
	Paid for taking seats to Court House on the day of meeting	0	6	0
	Paid boatman for taking letter to St. Kitt's	0	9	0
	Paid Mr. Bligh for book for accounts	0	6	0
	Paid Carpenter for Frames for Cards	0	18	0
	To printing Resolutions	3	3	0
	Printing 100 Copies, ditto	2	14	0
	Paid Mr. Bligh for Lock for Box for Books	0	4	6
	Paid Washington (Cards)	0	18	0
Nov. 5.	Paid Scott a Quarter's Salary	5	0	0
6.	Paid Hendrickson, ditto	5	0	0
	Paid Jolliffe (Frames)	1	0	3
	Paid Herbert (ditto.)	1	16	0
	Paid Hendrickson (ditto.)	0	9	0
Feb. 5.	Paid Scott a Quarter's Salary	5	0	0
24.	Paid J. Levy a Quarter's Salary, Charles Town Teacher	6	5	0
28.	Paid J. Herbert a Quarter's Salary	5	0	0
	Paid Jolliffe, Fig-tree Teacher	5	0	0
	Paid Windward Teacher	5	0	0
	Ditto. Ditto. Frames	1	2	6
	Paid Cable for printing 200 double Alphabets	0	18	0
	Paid Fig-tree Teacher	5	0	0
	Paid Scott a Quarter's Salary	6	5	0
	Paid Hendrickson..ditto	5	0	0
	Ditto. Ditto.	5	0	0
	Paid Noble occasional attendance at the Sunday School	0	18	0
	Paid Herbert, Frames	0	18	0
	Paid J. Levy a Quarter's Salary	6	5	0
	Paid Herbert in part of Salary	2	11	6
		£82	6	9
	In W. Manning's, Esq. hands, as Donation from New England Corporation	200	0	0
		£282	6	9

☞ *Accounts made out in current Money of the Island of Nevis.*

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APPENDIX, No. IV.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF SLAVES,

ST. CHRISTOPHER.

At a Meeting of the General Committee and Inhabitants, held by Advertisement, at the *Court House*, on *Wednesday* the 24th day of *August*, 1825,

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR MAXWELL,

IN THE CHAIR.

The Secretary explained the cause of the interruption in the Meetings of this Society, which was two-fold: first, in consequence of the time which was occupied in procuring the Returns of Negroes, as directed by the 4th Resolution of the Sub-Committee, at their Meeting, on the 18th of *December*, 1823; and secondly, from the expectation of a visit from the Bishop, to ascertain his Lordship's sentiments on our proceedings. The Return of the Negroes on the several Estates connected with Religious Establishments, was laid on the table.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. *Barrett*, dated the 18th of *June*, 1824, was read, together with the copy of a paper drawn up by the Committee of the Incorporated Society in *London*, affording suggestions in the formation of Colo-

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nial and Branch Associations: and the Committee, and other Inhabitants present, proceeded to establish a Branch Association for this Island, in the following Terms; *viz.*—

At a Meeting of the Clergy, Proprietors, and other Inhabitants, at the Town of *Basseterre*, in the Island of *St. Christopher*, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of converting an Association, established in *December*, 1823, and designated "The Society of the Island of *St. Christopher*, in aid of the Corporation for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves in the *British West India* Islands," into a Branch Association, for Promoting the Conversion and Religious Instruction of the Negroes in *St. Christopher*, in union with the Incorporated Society in London, held on the 24th day of *August*, 1825,

His Excellency Governor MAXWELL, in the Chair.

The Statement of the objects of such Associations, as made by the Governors of the Incorporated Society in London, having been read:—

IT WAS RESOLVED,—

That the Association entitled "The Branch Association of the Island of *St. Christopher*, in aid of the Corporation for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves in the *British West India* Islands," be now established for this Island, in conformity to those objects.

That his Excellency Governor MAXWELL be requested to accept the office of President.

That his Honour the President of the Council be requested to accept the office of Vice-President.

That Doctor SWANSTON be requested to accept the office of Treasurer.

That WILLIAM THOMSON, Esq. be continued Secretary.

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That this Association be under the following Regulations :—

First, That every Subscriber of 1*l.* currency annually, and also every Donor of 5*l.* currency, at any one time, be a Member of this Association and entitled to attend the General Meetings.

Secondly, That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually, on the first *Thursday* in the month of *September*, at *Basseterre;* and also upon such other days and times as the majority of the Committee, with the concurrence of the President, shall think fit to appoint.

Thirdly, That the President and Vice-President of this Association, the Rectors, Licensed Curates, the Chaplains of the Incorporated Society, and the Stipendiary Clergy furnished by Government, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Treasurer and Secretary of this Association, and Messrs. *Davoren* and *Cardin*, be appointed a Standing Committee for transacting the Business of the Association, and for the purpose of making any Communication of suggestions to the Incorporated Society in *London*.

Fourthly, That the said Committee do meet on the first *Thursday* of every Month, at the Court-House, in *Basseterre*, to proceed to business as soon as five Members shall be assembled.

Fifthly, That the Committee do make a Report of their Proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers.

Sixthly, That any Vacancies which may occur in the said Committee be filled up at General Meetings of the Subscribers.

Seventhly, That the Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary be open to the inspection of all the Members of the Committee, and be audited annually by the Committee, previously to their being presented to the General Meeting.

Eighthly, That the Treasurer for the time being do present a statement of his Cash, by way of Debtor and Creditor, to the Committee every quarter, in order that any surplus in his hands above the Sum necessary to meet the wants of the Association,

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may be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Incorporated Society, together with such other Sums as may have been contributed towards the pecuniary objects of the Society.

Ninthly, That the Books, Tracts, and Papers, which may be in store for the use of the Members of this Association, be placed in such depository as the Committee may appoint, and intrusted to the care of such person as they may appoint.

Tenthly, That an account of the state of such depository be regularly kept, and laid before the Committee at their Monthly Meetings.

Eleventhly, That the Report of the Proceedings of the Association, together with the list of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Incorporated Society in London.

The foregoing Resolutions having been entered into, Subscriptions were immediately commenced, to be paid on the first of *September* next.

The money in the hands of the former Treasurer, CHARLES WOODLEY, Esq. was directed to be paid over to DOCTOR SWANSTON.

WM. THOMSON,
Secretary.

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APPENDIX, No. V.

BRANCH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS.

At a Meeting of the Clergy, Proprietors, and others, in the Island of *Barbados*, convened by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing a Branch Association for promoting the Conversion and Religious Instruction of the Negroes, in union with the Incorporated Society in *London*, held on the 2nd day of *August*, 1825,

THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE,
IN THE CHAIR

The statement of the object of such Associations as made by the Governors of the *Incorporated Society* in *London* having been made, the following Resolutions were moved and carried:—

First, That a Branch Association of the Incorporated Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves, in the *British West India Islands*, be established in this Island.

Secondly, That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to accept the office of President.

Thirdly, That the Venerable the Archdeacon be requested to accept the office of Vice-President.

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Fourthly, That Messrs. Higginson, Deane, and Holt, be requested to accept the office of Treasurers.

Fifthly, That the Rev. J. H. Pinder be appointed Secretary.

Sixthly, That this Association be under the following Regulations :—

1.—That every Subscriber of one Guinea annually be a Member of this Association, and entitled to attend its General Meetings.

2.—That a General Meeting of the Society be held annually on the first *Wednesday* in the month of *August*.

3.—That the following Gentlemen, Hon. Sir R. A. Alleyne, Bart., Hon. R. Hamden, Hon. J. Brathwaite, Hon. N. Lucas, Hon. J. R. Best, Hon. John A. Holder, John Barrow, Esq., Joseph Jordan, Esq., M. Coulthurst, Esq., E. H. Senhouse, Esq., Dr. Maycock, B. Ifill, Esq., F. Clarke, Esq., W. Sharpe, Esq., C. Pile, Esq., together with the Rectors of the respective Parishes, and the Rev. R. F. King, Chaplain to the Society, be appointed a Standing Committee for transacting the business of the Association.

4.—That the said Committee do meet quarterly on the first *Wednesday* in the months of *August*, *November*, *February*, and *May*, to proceed to business as soon as seven Members shall be assembled.

5.—That the Committee do make a Report of their Proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of Subscribers, on the first *Wednesday* in *August*.

6.—That any vacancies which may occur in the said Committee, be filled up by the Members of the General Committee.

7.—That the Treasurers do make a Report half yearly.

8.—That the Report of the Proceedings, together with the List of the Officers and Members, be transmitted annually to the Society in *London* through the Bishop.

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LIST OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BRANCH ASSOCIATION, BARBADOS.

	£.	s.
The Lord Bishop of Barbados and the Leeward ward Islands	7	10
Ven. the Archdeacon	3	0
Hon. Sir R. A. Alleyne	1	10
Hon. R. Hamden	1	10
Hon. J. R. Best	1	10
Hon. J. A. Holder	1	10
Hon. J. A. Beckles	1	10
Hon. & Rev. J. H. Gittens	1	10
Rev. W. Garnet	1	10
Rev. T. H. Orderson	1	10
Rev. W. Als	1	10
Rev. W. M. Harte	1	10
Rev. W. L. Pinder	1	10
Rev. R. F. King	1	10
Rev. W. D. Sealy	1	10
Rev. A. Goddard	1	10
Rev. J. H. Pinder	1	10
Dr. Maycock	1	10
John Barrow, Esq.	1	10
M. Coulthurst, Esq.	1	10
F. Clarke, Esq.	1	10
C. Pile, Esq.	1	10
Edward Haynes, Esq.	7	10
Wm. Sharpe, Esq.	1	10
Edward Thomas, Esq.	1	10
W. Oxley, Esq.	1	10
Ward Cadogan, Esq.	1	10
B. Ifill, Esq.	1	10
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W. Murray, Esq.	1	10
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James Crichlow, Esq.	1	10
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	£.	s.	d.
His R. H. the DUKE of CLARENCE	10	0	0
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A.

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BATHURST, EARL	10	10	0
BROWNLOW, LORD	5	5	0
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CANTERBURY, Most Rev. Charles, LORD ARCHBISHOP of,	10	10	0
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